

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, line 14, as follows:

Also, as β -halopropionic acid halogen compound or α -methyl- β -halopropionic acid halogen compound, there can be mentioned, specifically, acyl chlorides such as ~~β -chloro~~ β -chloro propionic acid, β -bromo propionic acid, ~~α -methyl- β -chloro~~ α -methyl- β -chloro propionic acid, ~~α -methyl- β -chloro~~ propionic acid and the like; and acyl bromides. However, acyl chlorides such as ~~β -chloro~~ β -chloro propionic acid and ~~α -methyl- β -chloro~~ α -methyl- β -chloro propionic acid are more properly used in view of reactivity and the like.